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"All My Sons" returns optimistic

Jessica Braunschweig
Staff Writer

Ordinarily, January weather in Denver dons one and all in every type of winter get-up imaginable. Ordinarily, you won't find mountain-view housing for \$5 a week.

Yet, as the rest of us were suffering through the "great frigid flatland's temperatures," Dordt's theatre group was "tolerating" the delightful soaring scenery, basking not only in the sun, but also in the lights, the cameras and the action. But for such an un-ordinary group who's already set the standard for success, what did we expect? Reports confirm that it wasn't all vacation and relaxation, however, as they did arrive in Colorado on a mission. But would they be able to do it?

The first step was setting up the stage, which took from 6 Tuesday evening until 1 the following morning. The first Wednesday performance began at 3 p.m. Difficulties were faced, as the new stage presented several space challenges and alterations that differed from the original set, but "They did well in spite of the differences," as Jeri Schelhaas confidently reported.

Apparently, though, the unruly crowd was a bit more than they could handle, as the audience jumped out of their seats to give them a standing ovation. They ended the evening with another



Sara Prins

Above and right: Dordt's ACTF-acclaimed group acted out various works at the Humble Bean this past Friday.

first-rate performance at 8. On Thursday morning, the cast met with the judges who responded to their set and overall presentation. The group was given complements, new perspectives and encouragement.

Meanwhile, the excitement was mounting. Time was passed watching the competition and attending the many available workshops. The suspense would continue until Friday night, when the National Selection Committee finally announced which of the seven plays would be held for a chance to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. And the great news was: Dordt's "All My Sons" was one of the three to be selected. The final results won't be released until the much-awaited date of March 1, 2004.



Sara Prins

Overall, the trip went smoothly, especially due to the camaraderie that developed between the Northwestern and Dordt theatre groups, who attended the event together. The large group of people made a huge difference with all of their cooperative assistance – especially in loading, setting, and striking (taking down) the set.

Having arrived back in Iowa, reality (as well as the cold) has set in, and it's back to work for the theatre department who has more debuts ahead. Yet, in looking back on their accomplishments, the irony cannot be missed: how a wonderfully down-to-earth small-town group propelled to the top in the "Mile-High City" itself. Congratulations to the cast of "All My Sons." The best is yet to come.

Student Forum recommends internet supervision

D. James Zylstra
for Student Forum

On Tuesday, January 27, 2004, after several months of research and committee work, Student Forum approved a proposal recommending the implementation of Covenant Eyes (a computer program designed to curtail consumption of Internet pornography) here at Dordt College. The proposal was approved by a super-majority of Forum and will be given to Student Services to determine if the program's installation is feasible.

In mid-November a Dordt student addressed Forum regarding spiritual dangers located on the World Wide Web. In particular, the student expressed concerns about the massive growth of the internet porn

industry and its effect on the Christian community. The student also suggested a possible aid in rectifying the abuse of internet porn through the installation of a computer program called Covenant Eyes.

Statistics from the Justice Department indicate that between the years 1998 and 2001, the number of XXX rated websites grew from 28,000 to 280,000, generating revenue in excess of 10 billion dollars. A study conducted by Christianity Today (Dec. 2001) revealed that 51% of pastors say that internet pornography is a possible temptation, and 37% of pastors say it is a current struggle. Here at Dordt, with few detailed internet records kept and over six hundred personal computers on campus, it was difficult to identify an internet pornography

problem through any concrete statistics. But after interviewing both the former and current Director of Computer Services, Forum was able to conclude that internet pornography usage is prevalent here on Dordt's campus.

Student Forum then began to consider Covenant Eyes as a means of sanctifying Dordt's internet traffic. Eliminating the internet completely or installing a filter would put constraints on the internet traveler and would conflict with Dordt's philosophy of discernment.

Covenant Eyes in no way inhibits the paths of Internet users; instead it watches all Internet travel, recording how long someone viewed each site and making special note of questionable web addresses. A record of each student's Internet

travel would then be sent weekly, bi-weekly or monthly via e-mail to a designated accountability partner. The questionable URLs would appear in red and would also be rated as to their severity; thus, a medical site containing a few buzzwords would register a low rating, but a lewd description of detestable deeds would register much higher. In addition, the e-mail would include the duration of website's viewing, so if a student entered a porn site unintentionally the program would bear witness to that student's prompt exit.

For a copy of the Covenant Eyes' proposal e-mail dnzylstr@dordt.edu or read the copy on the Student Forum bulletin board in the Campus Center. For more information about Covenant Eyes, go to www.covenanteyes.com.

Fast Forward

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Staff Writer

TX Talent Show

The annual Talent Extravaganza is coming soon! Tickets start selling from the Dordt Box Office on February 9 at 7 PM sharp costing a humble four dollars. The tickets often sell out in hours, so make sure to reserve

your spot in line and bring along your Student ID. The Talent Extravaganza opens at the BJ Haan on February 14 at 7:30 PM and is predicted to last for three hours.

Visit Scotland

A good omen appears on Friday the 13 in the BJ Haan

Auditorium. Fran Reidelburger presents Scotland!! at 7 pm. She's the latest traveler scheduled for performance in an ongoing series of travelogues that have been held monthly here at Dordt.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$13 for senior citizens, and an even \$10 for students. The show is slated

for a three-hour run, so eat a hearty supper before Scotland!! begins.

Card, Micheal – more on p.7

The renowned singer/songwriting author Micheal Card will perform at the BJ Haan Auditorium on February 20th.



Dordt students playing in the snow in 2004. Even though we have accumulated piles of snow during the last couple of weeks, it has not been sufficient enough to cancel school. There has only been one snowday in the history of Dordt.

The Day Dordt Closed

Lynette Andree
Staff Writer

How many times in your childhood have you gone to bed while it was snowing dreaming of the snow day that you hoped for when you woke? Snow days were perfect for doing absolutely nothing at all. Unfortunately, going to sleep while it is snowing here at Dordt is an entirely different. No matter how hard it is snowing outside, or how much was accumulated through the night, there never seems to be a snow day—except once.

There has been a rumor circulating for as long as students can remember that there has, in fact,

been one snow day in the history of Dordt. Since it was so long ago, there are few people on campus who remember this day. Dr. Geels says the so-called 'snow-day' occurred in the late 60's when Reverend Haan was the president, right around the time that KDCR started broadcasting.

It was a cold, snowy morning when KDCR received a phone call from someone claiming to be Rev. Haan telling them to broadcast the message that the day's classes had been cancelled. Rev. Haan had a very distinctive voice, not one that many people could imitate, but some how someone did manage to do it that morning. Although Rev. Haan did not intend to cancel classes that morning, nothing could be

done after the broadcast was made. Many students who did not listen to KDCR went to their 7:30 classes (yes, classes used to start that early!).

This might have been one of the best pranks that anyone has pulled at Dordt, at least one of the most beneficial to students. Once Rev. Haan realized that someone could imitate him he immediately gave strict orders to KDCR to never, on any occasion, cancel classes due to a phone call by anyone claiming to be him. To think that the one snow day that I have based my hope on was a prank! The hope of ever having another one seems dismal unless some creative mind can come up with a cunning way to get classes cancelled!

Bachelor Auction will fight AIDS

Ann Renee Andree
News Co-Editor

More than 14 million children have lost one or both of their children due to the AIDS pandemic. And by 2010 the number will be more than double that figure.

The Youth Ministry Club has joined together with other students in helping with AIDS through OneLife Revolution, an organization developed in a joint effort between World Vision and Youth Specialties to combat the AIDS pandemic.

Christy Bloemendaal, a member of the Youth Ministry Club, says, "We, as Christians, cannot ignore crises like the AIDS pandemic in Africa, despite any pre-suppositions we might have about the disease."

Dordt students can help.

A Bachelor Auction is being held this Thursday to raise money for the AIDS pandemic. Last year, the auction brought in \$550. The auction is meant to be a time to gather the community, not to be a meat-market, said Christy Bloemendaal. For that reason, the bachelors' identities will be con-

cealed until after the bidding.

The Humble Bean will give Bean Bucks to each bachelor to buy a coffee for their date to set up the date. The options are endless: One couple served at The Banquet (a soup kitchen) last year. Another bachelor took his seven dates bowling and out for ice cream.

Donations will go to education-based items that Dordt is supporting as an education-based institution. The young people need training on raising their families after their parents die. The people also need to know more about AIDS and how to control AIDS. The girls' donations will go directly to OneLife. The Bachelors' donations will go towards paying for their dates. Even if girls are out-bid and even if guys are not bachelors, the Youth Ministry club would still appreciate your donations. There will be places to donate to OneLife at the Bachelor Auction.

If interested in more OneLife events, contact Sheila Otness or Christy Bloemendaal. The website for OneLife is www.oneliferevolution.org.

New Engineering Emphases Offered

Andrea Vander Wilt
Staff Writer

Three new emphases will be added to the Engineering major at Dordt beginning in the fall of 2004. The new emphases will be civil-environmental, computer, and bio engineering, in addition to the mechanical and electrical engineering emphases already in place.

Four new classes will be added and include Structural Analysis and Design, Soil Mechanics, Environmental Engineering, and Bioengineering. In addition to these new classes student will have to take other classes already offered at Dordt to fulfill their requirements.

In order to add the new classes four upper level electrical engineering classes will only be offered every other year. This does not create the need for more faculty within the department.

Adding the new emphases has

always been in the long term plan, but over the last two years plans have materialized. The department worked together to develop some options and possibilities. They looked at different university and small college programs, using some of their ideas to tailor their own program.

"The new emphases give incoming students a chance to get a taste of all aspects of engineering," engineering professor Ethan Brue stated, "giving students an opportunity to explore other fields in engineering while at Dordt."

There is a need for Christian voices in all aspects of engineering, including civil and environmental, which often deals directly with the community. There are also growing concerns and issues in the bioengineering field which Christians should take very seriously. "I look forward to teaching bioengineering to address issues that are involved," Brue commented.

Out 'n' About WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Brian Veurink
Staff Writer

Persecution in 2004

French lawmakers are beginning to debate a bill that will ban religious symbols from their public schools. Large Christian crosses, Jewish stars and Muslim head scarves would not be allowed if the bill passes. Supporters of the bill feel that French's tradition of

secularism is under attack if the ban is not upheld.

Avian Influenza endangers all

A summit of the world's leading health officials has been called in Rome to discuss bird flu. 13 people have already died from bird flu, while hundreds more are being monitored. Bird flu has already spread to 10 nations, but only people in Vietnam and

Thailand have died from it so far. Officials fear the virus may mutate into one that is easily transmitted between humans and become a worldwide epidemic.

The beat goes on in Iraq

67 people died in the northern town of Erbil, Iraq, following virtually simultaneous suicide attacks on Kurdish political party headquarters. Among the dead were at least 5 senior Kurdish officials. Another 247 people were wounded in the attacks. Both buildings were filled with people celebrating the start of the Muslim calendar's largest holiday, Eid al-Adha.

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LIBERTY & Justice

*Employing
"Illegal immigrants"
should not be illegal*

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Staff Writer

Wal-Mart recently embarked on an advertisement campaign in an attempt to counteract recent lawsuits that may damage the company's good reputation. One of these lawsuits charges Wal-Mart with hiring illegal aliens for low pay. This event will hopefully illuminate the possibility of a better solution to the matter of immigration than President Bush's recent proposal that will only augment the size of the centralized state.

Property rights should define the essence of who comes into this country and who does not. In Wal-Mart's situation, nothing in the suit implies that the immigrants were forced to work for Wal-Mart. Instead, Wal-Mart voluntarily exchanged monetary wages for the workers' voluntary exchange of

their labor. Obviously both parties benefit from the transaction; otherwise they would not have agreed to these terms. These workers and others like them embody legitimate immigration because their residency in this country results from a voluntary association with a legitimate property owner.

To the contrary, illegal immigrants, as defined by property rights, are those that come to this country by trespassing on others' property and lack the condition of voluntary employment. For example, if person A comes and lives on person B's property, without the latter's permission, they are trespassing and not legitimately living there. If person B, however, employs person A for various gardening duties and lets them live on their property, how can one argue that either person A or B has acted

illegally?

Critics of this interpretation should keep in mind that if voluntary associations between property owners do not form the basis for a legal system the alternative is force. In the latter case, a stronger individual or group of individuals may legitimately shut up such critics by any means necessary. In such a society, individuals are only "right" so long as no stronger individuals can make them "wrong."

In the end, if the people living in the land mass called the United States recognize the legitimacy of voluntary associations, President Bush's plan to provide legal status for "illegal" workers is superfluous. The government that Bush has greatly expanded in three plus years does not need further expansion to legalize already legitimate working relations.

The 900-Pound Gorilla in your computer

**Student Forum is right on the money
for recommending the Covenant Eyes Program**

Steve Kloosterman
Editor

Although I understand the frustration and uproar that will probably result from the proposed use of the Covenant Eyes Program (see page 3 before you read this article), I move the Dordt Administration adapt the Student Forum's proposal and implement the Covenant Eyes program starting next semester.

**Freedom vs.
Responsibility**

I'll admit it. I, too, dislike people looking over my shoulder. The Covenant Eyes program under consideration by student forum would do just that—allow people to look over each other's shoulders. Being accountable for your actions may seem to violate the concept of being a "mature adult" at college. It seems like just another way for "The Powers That Be" to throw the shackles on you and your computer. It cramps your style, marginalizes your freedom.

But freedom the only issue at stake? I've a friend who signs off his emails with the following quote by holocaust survivor, Viktor E. Frankl: "I recommend that the Statue of Liberty on the East Coast be supplemented by a Statue of Responsibility on the West Coast." His is the idea that America has delved too deep in the mine of Liberty and awakened a great evil—a culture in which anyone is free to do most anything without any accountability for his or her actions.

America may fail, but WE can do better. Internet access at Dordt College ought to be administered not only in a spirit of liberty but also in a spirit of responsibility.

Addressing the issue

Let's not kid ourselves. Pornography is a problem on campus. Obviously, not all guys struggle with porn (as some people will assert), but all guys do struggle with lust, and for all guys (and a few girls) with a computer in their room, Internet pornography is a definite temptation.

I'm not saying I personally

struggle with porn; I'm not saying you struggle with porn. I'm saying that close to 500 of us young males on this campus with resnet certificates have immediate and instantaneous access to porn and IT HAPPENS. I'm saying that weapons for fighting off this black cloud smothering college life ought to be available to the student body.

I'm saying that Covenant Eyes seems an excellent choice.

**How the program could
be set up**

I submit that the program would not be too significant a burden on students' computers. The developers of the Covenant Eyes program claim that the program does not slow down a computer's speed, settings, or Internet connection. The program uses Windows' Winsock application to gather information, which is sent to off-campus databases and relayed via email to the person's accountability partner.

I suggest that wing RA's be set as default accountability partners, with students free to name a different friend, mentor, parent or peer as their partner. This setup would guarantee the freshman student with a responsible, mature friend, able to hold him accountable for his failings. This plan would also ensure that students would be able to choose someone to whom they would feel comfortable talking. Furthermore, a group of two or more students—who honestly want nothing to do with the program—would be able to work around the system by selecting each other as reviewers and programming their Dordt email accounts to delete their friends' Covenant Eyes reports as soon as they are received.

Finally, I suggest that people open up their minds to the idea of accountability. A person who genuinely struggles with pornography isn't condemned; let he who is without sin cast the first stone. But let's not leave the addicted college student wallowing in the pit of his sin for fear of hurting anyone's feelings. Let's give him some encouragement. Let's give him something to work with. Let's give him accountability.

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INQUIRE within

by J.J. Reed



Beka Schreur

Dear J.J.,

Yesterday morning, as I was eating a scrumptious breakfast by the Grille, I lost my appetite. It was not due to the noisy atmosphere, or the appearance of my almost-clear apple juice. It was the "modern art" on the walls that made me abandon my food. What on earth is it doing there, anyway?

- Art-palled in East

Good question, my appetite-lost comrade! I myself have been extremely distracted from my late-night snacks by the paintings and the sculptures adorning the Campus Center. According to my informal poll, the only

piece appreciated by students is the nicknamed "Creation and Fall" painting. It also is the only piece that is expressly Christian. The rest, I'm afraid to say, do not reflect a Reformed perspective. So what could their purposes be, other than to put something on the yellowish walls?

My conclusion from looking at the Campus Center architecture is that the whole building is seen as a post-modern yet functional piece of art. Therefore, it would seem logical to put postmodern pieces of art inside of it, but not so many that they clutter the eye. For now, I suggest art majors start looking on how they can reflect God more in their work than the current pieces of art.

QUOTES



Erin Piersma (Jr.)

I prefer fruit, but I catch myself snacking when I'm studying.

When I don't eat in the commons, I eat stuff that's in my room: cookies, Easy Mac, Wheat Thins. The feasting usually begins between around 10 or 11 at night.



Rebecca Franje (So.)

I eat super-healthy. I only eat good stuff. I eat all the food groups in their right portions. I get most of my nutritional needs met by the candy basket in the Computer Services office.



Bryan Burgers (Fr.)

I'm actually on the seafood diet. I see food and then I eat it... get it?



Larissa Brown (Jr.)

What I cook depends on who I'm cooking for. If the ladies are coming over, I make my favorite dish that consists of rice, brown sugar and honey. That keeps them coming back.



Kyle Bleeker (Jr.)

I eat junk food and nothing else. Little Debbie snacks and Mountain Dew are my favorites.



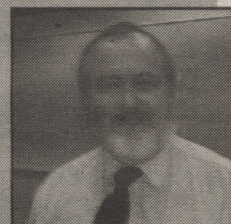
Dustin Van Wyk (Fr.)

My diet consists of Ramen noodles and tuna sandwiches, occasionally augmented by a stack of Pringles and cranberry juice.



Dan Zylstra (Jr.)

I like to eat African Migratory Locust.... just like John the Baptist.



Professor Mahaffy

The girls in my apartment like to make casseroles, lasagna and hamburgers. We're basically turning into our mothers.



Kim Swierenga (Jr.)

Cleanin' by moonlight

Larry and Lyle serve Dordt long after everyone else has gone to sleep

Brian Veurink
Staff Writer

Long after the Late Night with Conan O'Brien final credits roll, these guys are still cleaning. While the hard-working bats and owls of America are out tracking down a meal, these guys are out fighting grime. They are Larry Van Gelder and Lyle Vandenberg, and they are your night shift Campus Center custodians.

Larry and Lyle's week starts on Monday morning at midnight. Besides having Sunday off, they work every other night from 11 pm until 7 am. Everyday they take out the trash and sweep the main floor. The building is far too large to clean everything every night, so other activities such as the stairs, the windows and dusting are done on a rotation.

Nobody made these two take the graveyard shift. On the contrary, it happens to be the one these guys like the best. Lyle has 4 kids and Larry has 5 kids, and each see the night shift as an opportunity to spend more time with their families. "I am home before they go to school, and am awake by the time they get back," Lyle said.

Their busy late nights have not destroyed Lyle and Larry's social lives. They still have the evenings and afternoons open to handle all their shopping needs. Their hours also allow them to make it to many of their children's extracurricular activities.



Sara Prins

Lookin' good Larry! (Lyle was busy working while Larry happily posed for the photo.)

Larry and Lyle met on the job and have formed a solid friendship since. "The Lord was really working there, we get along really, really well," Larry said. The guys while the night away by impersonating such classic rockers like

stalls and 12 urinals. 2) The President's personal bathroom includes gold trim and a Jacuzzi. Time's up. 1 is the fact, and Larry and Lyle want to assure all that the President's washroom is as plain Jane as any other bathroom.

Elvis, talking about politics, sports and life outside of Dordt or trading the occasional barb. "We like to give each other a hard time," says Lyle. "We each just take it in stride and get the other one back."

The custodian duo says the majority of the humorous encounters they have had working the night shift involve couples. They insist they do not spy on anyone, and jokingly say they always need to keep an eye on the meditation rooms.

Larry and Lyle are as knowledgeable as anyone when it comes to the Campus Center. Therefore, in conclusion, this is Larry and Lyle's Campus Center Washroom Fact or Myth. 1) The Campus Center contains 36

Shamar's Food Co-Op Offers Students Variety

Kim Lucier
Staff Writer

The Shamar (Earthkeeping) Club has joined forces with the Sioux Center Food Club. Sally Jongsma founded the Sioux Center Food Club in 1982. Jongsma currently works on campus with the Advancement Office and with The Voice publication. The food club works with a food supplier known as Blooming Prairie.

Blooming Prairie provides its Sioux Center members, comprised of 38 families, with unusual food, health and beauty products that are typically not offered in the local stores. These products are ordered through a computerized catalog provided by the supplier. Approximately 15,000 items are available at any time. Blooming Prairie sends its members updated price lists and those purchasing items submit their orders by email. Three weeks later the food arrives by truck, transported from a warehouse in Iowa City, Iowa. Before the truck departs for its next destination, Shamar members help unload the truck for the food club.



Beka Schreur

A collection of spices, flour and rice from the Co-op make for exotic eating.

to get," said Shamar President Matt Bakker. "People also participate for the healthy and organic foods, and the foods in bulk."

Those interested in joining the Sioux Center Food Club are required to pay a fee. However, Shamar covers the fee for its club members. Since the fall semester, about 10 students have taken advantage of this opportunity. Bakker hopes to keep the program available for students in the future.

Shamar decided to work with the food club because of its various benefits. "People that have been involved with the Sioux Center Food Club find easy access for things that are difficult

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Internet Piracy

A close *knit* community

Nathan Vander Wilt
Staff Writer

Another barrage of lawsuits against file-sharers was unleashed two weeks ago by the Recording Industry Association of America. Over five hundred people are being sued on the grounds that they shared music illegally over the Internet. The RIAA is attempting to stop music piracy by making the public aware that illegal uses of file sharing software will be punished. This tactic has received harsh criticism in online news discussion forums, where people are concerned that record labels are trying to make more money than they deserve. The negative reaction of the general public is given credibility by Senator Norm Coleman from Minnesota, who claimed "the decision by the RIAA to rely primarily on the fear of the courts and litigation to pummel [file sharing software] users is unfortunate and misdirected."

But Senator Coleman recognizes what too many computer users don't: despite unfair practices within the recording industry, its music is still its property. Whenever anyone creates anything, it can be protected by either a copyright, a trademark or a patent. Most artistic works automatically fall under the protection of United States (or similar) copyright laws as soon as they are created. The original author can then sell his rights to a larger company, such as a publisher or a record label. Before high speed Internet was available, these companies were necessary to get products, like compact discs, from the artist to a wide audience. Industries were built up to help the money trickle from the consumer to the creator.

The copyright commonly becomes a right to collect money. When people share music through means such as peer-to-peer file sharing, the record industry does not get the royalties they are legally entitled to. That is why it is illegal to share or download music, and that is why the RIAA is suing so many people. The safest simple rule of thumb is that if you didn't pay for it, you don't own it. That means you aren't allowed to listen to it, or let others listen to copies of it. If you have copied your CD's onto your computer for your own personal use, make sure that the files are not in a shared folder. Computer Services should be able to help you make sure that this is not happening.

There are many legal ways to buy and preview music over the Internet. Just a few examples are the new Napster, Internet radio (see ChristianTuner.com) and online music stores like the one at Walmart.com. Record labels often allow free downloads of select singles via band websites. The music industry is catching up to the Internet. There is no longer any good reason to ignore its rights.

Rosie Grantham
Staff Writer

At Dordt College, when the winter months start slowly trudging in, a seasonal phenomenon is observed. With the changing of the seasons and the approach of colder weather, comes an activity many college students participate in to pass the time they don't have. It's a simple process, requiring only a hooked needle; a skein of yarn, and knowledge of one or more stitches but can be used to create beautiful, cheap Christmas presents for the whole family. Of course, the activity I'm speaking of is crocheting.

Many students on Dordt's campus take up crocheting when they arrive, not because they have extra time, but because of the benefits and satisfaction crocheting can offer. Avid crotchetier Rachel Eckhart, says one reason to crochet is to encourage a general feeling of accomplishment. "When I crochet, I can watch TV and still be productive," says the creator of several scarves, potholders and a couple of baby blankets. Fellow East Hall crotchetier Hannah Hooyer also took up knitting over band tour, and has since then knitted



Beka Schreur

Student uses precious study time to create a crocheting masterpiece to stave off the winter winds.

herself a pair of mittens. "Half the fun is figuring the patterns out," said Hooyer of the various knitting patterns she has found since tour. Hooyer joked, "I'm sure that when I get it all figured out, I'll get bored, but that's not likely."

But crocheting and knitting is not an art form confined to a single gender. As Joe Tiersma and Chris Kuperus testify, the needle and skein are for everyone who is willing to learn. Tiersma says he likes crocheting because it's something that anyone can do. "I don't draw or do any thing like that," said Tiersma. "When I started crocheting, I thought, okay, here's something that I can do that's kind of artistic, and I went for it." Tiersma, as well as crocheting, also indulges occasionally in the two-needle stitch. "Chris

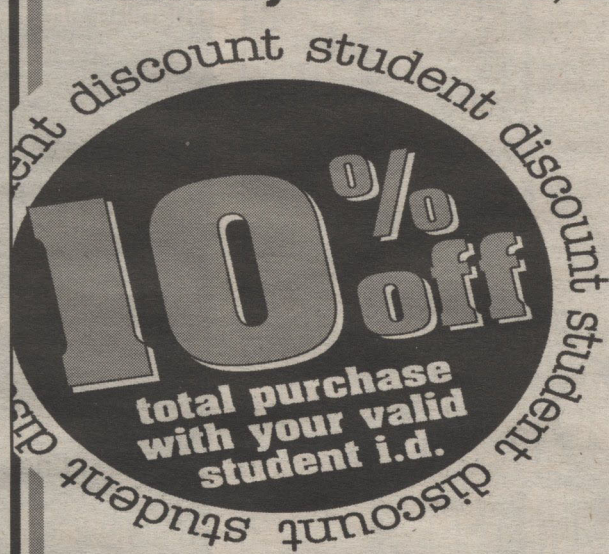
Kuperus taught me how to knit first last year, and then I learned to crochet. "Kuperus, a die hard fan of knitting, says as well as being a relaxing activity, the needle and skein also have potential health benefits." Knitting was not only fun, but it also helped improve my hand-eye coordination for basketball," said Kuperus, of his high-school experience." In my senior year in high school I even did an informational speech on the art of knitting in front of my peers." In college, Kuperus promoted knitting on campus by trying to start a knitting club on first floor covenant hall, but interest died out after a while. Joe Tiersma, senior student in southview, would like to get more guys started knitting. "It would be kind of nice to have some other guys to talk to—to change the stereotype."



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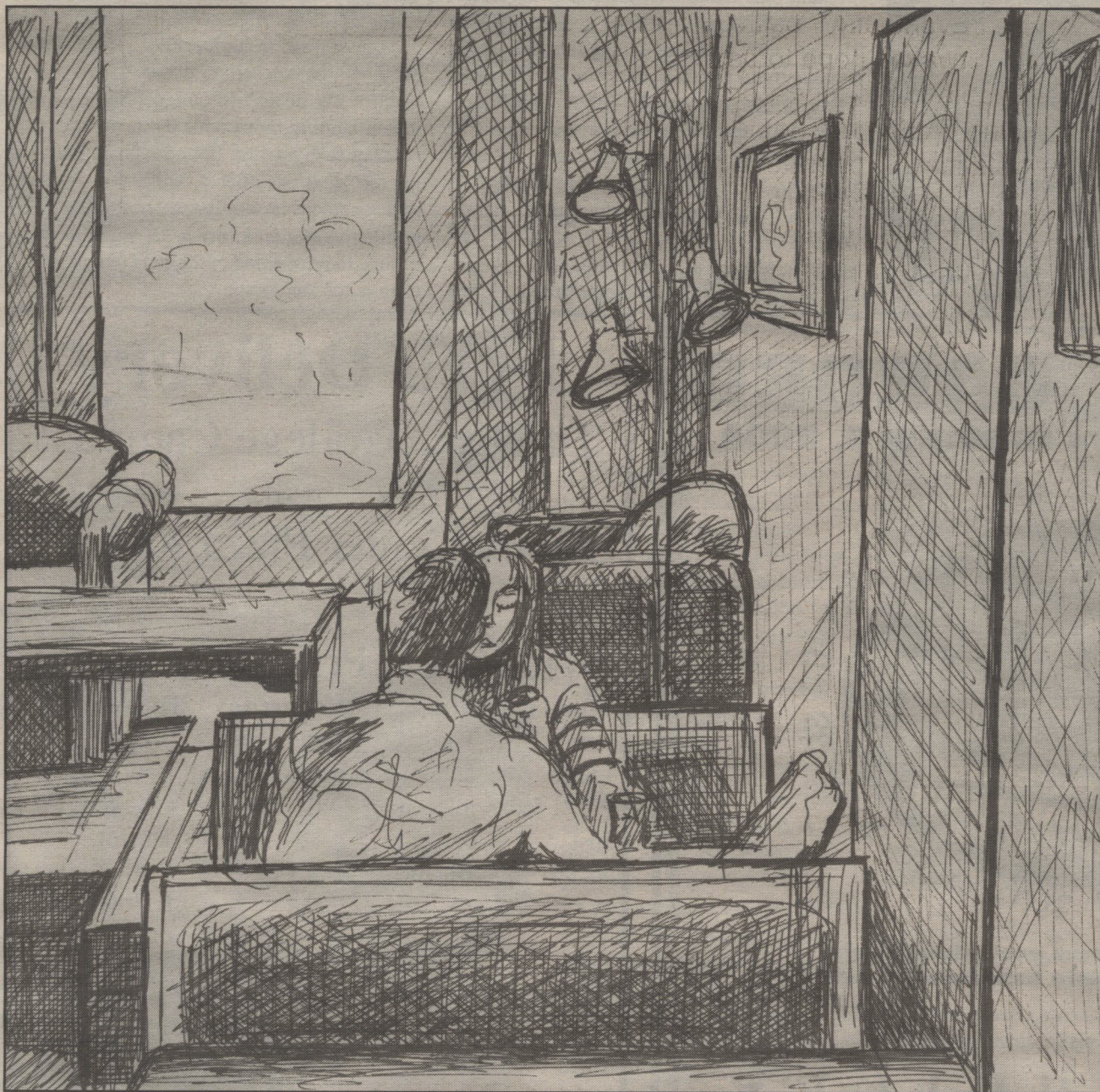
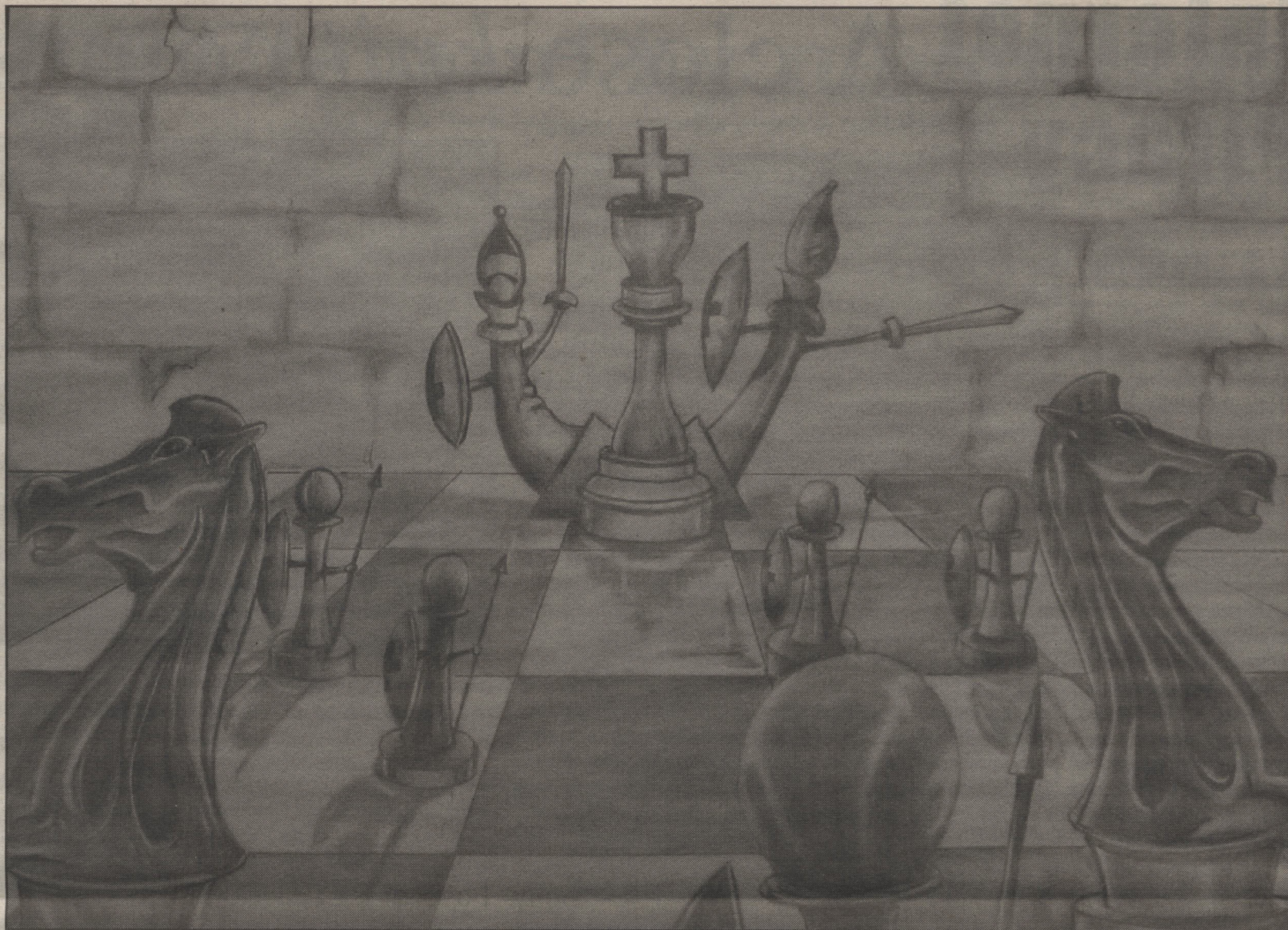
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I Feel Sorry for Snow.

After two long days of torture,
Two long days and nights
Of being dropped from unimagined heights.
Two long days of shivering naked,
Rushing around the corner of a building
And huddling in masses to escape the wind.
After all this, today the snow
Can finally relax and soak up the sun,
Like the white sands of Waikiki.
Their joy is blinding
As I look out the window.

-Laremy De Vries

February 6, 2004

Michael Card

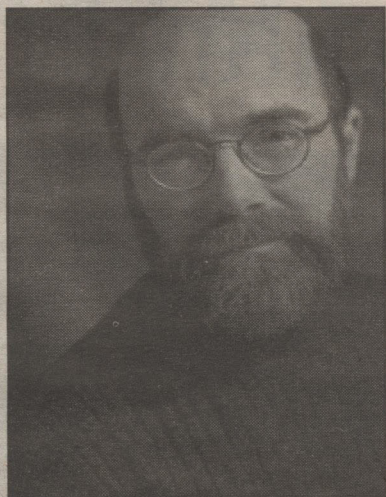
Nevada De Lapp
Guest Writer

You've seen those purplish signs around campus featuring a balding man with a beard and a guitar, and you might be asking yourself: who is this Michael Card?

Believe it or not you are probably more familiar with Michael Card than you realize. For instance, how many times have you sung or heard the song "El Shaddai" in church or at praise and worship? I'm guessing that the answer to that question is fairly obvious, and I'm sure you can see where I'm going with it: Michael Card wrote "El Shaddai."

Nor is this all that Card has accomplished over the past 23 years of his career. With 27 different albums bearing his name (including a few compilation albums), 19 number one songs, and an array of Dove Awards, Card could arguably be considered one of the most enduring and quietly popular Christian musicians of our time. His musical style tends toward a folk style including Irish melodies and a dash of gospel and bluegrass.

Michael Card's current tour celebrates his newest album *A Fragile Stone*, which typical to his pattern of composing albums around Biblical characters or books, is based on the life of the Apostle Peter. All eleven tracks are insightfully poetic analyses of the major themes surrounding the life of the impetuous fisherman.



Micheal Card

Musically, the album relies heavily on Card's acoustic guitar and is reminiscent of albums like *Soul Anchor*.

However, Card's influence extends far beyond music. He is also the author of 14 books including one of his more recent, *Scribbling in the Sand*, in which he draws upon the aesthetic theory of the Dutch theologian Hans Rookmaker and the Institute of Christian Studies' own Calvin Seerveld. Not surprisingly, Card himself has spent a good deal of time in college. In 1979 he received his undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University. He also received an assistantship and taught physics and astronomy in a masters program at Western Kentucky. In 1980, Card received his master's degree in biblical studies from the same WKU, and according to *Scribbling in the Sand* (published in 2002) is currently working on a doctorate in classical literature.

Looking for something to do February 20, 2004? Why not check out this poetic scholar and enjoy an evening of entertainment and edification?

Check this out!

Jason Mulder

Entertainment Editor

Talent Extravaganza Sat, Feb. 14, 7:30 pm BJH

Michael Card Fri, Feb. 20, 8:00 pm BJH

Shrine Circus Fri, Feb. 20, 8:00 pm Omaha Civic Auditorium Arena, Omaha, NE

Instrumental Ensembles Concert Sat, Feb. 28, 7:30 pm BJH

St. Olaf Orchestra Concert Sat, Mar. 6, 7:30 pm BJH

Jewel Thu, Mar. 18, 8:00 pm Adler Theatre, Davenport, IA

ZOEgirl w/ Superchick, Joy Williams, and Susie Shellenberger Sun, Mar. 21, 7:00 pm Elmen Events Center, Sioux Falls, SD

Kelly Clarkson & Clay Aiken Wed, Mar. 24, 7:00 pm Qwest Center Omaha, Omaha, NE

Avalon w/ Mark Shultz and Across the Sky Wed, Mar.

24, 7:00 pm BJH

Barenaked Ladies Thu, Mar. 25, 7:30 pm Tyson Event Center, Sioux City, IA

See Spot Rock Tour featuring 12 Stones, Skillet, Pillar, GRITS, and Big Dismal Sat, Mar. 27 Northwestern College, Orange City, IA

Adoration: The Tour featuring Newsboys, Rebecca St. James, and Jeremy Camp Sat, Mar. 27 Xcel Energy Center, Minneapolis, MN

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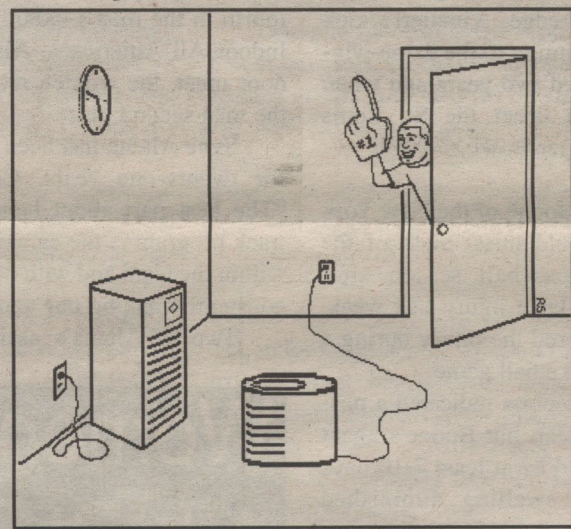
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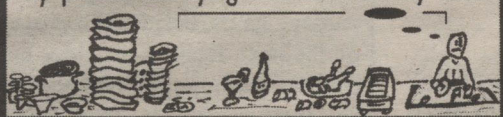
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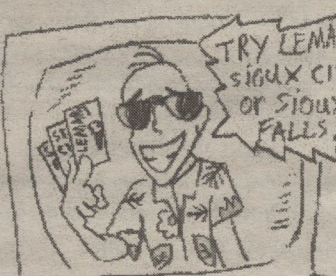
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Eight AM, 7 roommates, dirty house, homework left, no girl, angry prof, bad art, worthless slacker, dead broke, and no future.

My parents are dying and God's already dead.



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Jacque Scoby
Sports Editor

NFL

The New England Patriots won their second World Championship in three years on Sunday with a three-point win over the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII. The Patriots' kicker Adam Vinatieri, who missed his first two field goal attempts, kicked the game-winning field goal with :04 seconds left in the fourth quarter to give New England the edge. Vinatieri's kick was eerily similar to the game-winner he kicked two years ago when the Patriots upset the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI.

MLB

Aaron Boone of the New York Yankees could miss much of the upcoming baseball season after suffering a knee injury last week. Boone suffered the injury during a pick-up basketball game.

Initial reports indicated a possible ACL tear, but Boone's agent said it would be at least 7-10 days before the swelling diminished enough for any definite diagnosis to be made. If the injury requires surgery, Boone could miss roughly 100 games of the season, depending on the speed of his recovery.

NBA

LeBron James, the teenage phenom of the Cleveland Cavaliers, recorded two career moments in Sunday's win over the Washington Wizards. James went 14-27 from the field and netted a career-high 38 points. Nineteen of those points came in the third quarter alone.

James also picked up his first NBA technical foul for throwing his headband into the crowd after a no-call in the fourth quarter.

Shaquille O'Neal's heated outburst against the officials on Sunday drew him a one-game suspension from the league. Shaq erupted with obscene language during a live interview after the Lakers one-point victory over the Toronto Raptors. During the interview, Shaq criticized officials for "trying to take over the ... game," and referred to several incidents throughout the game.

Indoor track: Up and running

Leslie Larson
Staff Writer

The indoor track season started off with a bang January 24 at the Buena Vista Invite in Storm Lake, IA. Provisional qualifications were made by Dan Van Engen in the 3,000 meter, Chris Fransman in high jump and the women's 4x400 meter relay.

The strength for the women's team this year will be middle distance which includes the 200, 400 and 800 meter, and the 4x400 and 4x800 relays. In the first meet, the women swept the first three places in the 200 meter. The men have great strength in distance, high jump and the 200 and 400 meters.

The women and men indoor track team will have great senior leadership this year from Kristi Meendering, Katie Van Arendonk, Jacque Scoby, Kate Reinsma, Dan Foreman, Nathan Kauk, Dan Oldenkamp and Mark Ten Haken.

A highlight in the 2002-2003 was placing fourth in the men's 4x800 relay thus becoming Indoor All Americans. Also, at the Dordt outdoor meet, the women received first place and the men second place.

Syne Altena has been the head track coach for twenty-one years. Coach Altena relates, "The best part about being involved with the track program is the camaraderie of the athletes within the team and with other schools. They are constantly making one another better."

Two of Altena's assistant coaches are in



Beka Schreur

Indoor track athletes take time to prepare for their next meet on Feb. 7, in Mankato, MN. The athletes have participated in two meets so far this season. Both the men and women have had strong showings in both meets with junior Dan Van Engen qualifying for the National meet in the 3000 meters with a time of 8:46.26.

their first year at Dordt. Coach Greg van Dyk does distance and Coach Aaron Klien helps with long and triple jumpers and sprinters. Coach Ross Goheen is on his tenth year as assistant coach helping with pole vault and hurdlers.

This spring break the team will head to

Texas for two meets. The team also plans to do a service project for the San Antonio Salvation Army.

The indoor season will end with the NAIA Championships in Johnson, TN, March 3, 4, and 5.

Women's JV b-ball: Athletic opportunity

Jacque Scoby
Sports Editor

Planning Stages

After two years of planning and proposing, Glenn Bouma's dream—one of them, at least—is finally going to come true. As of the 2004-05 school year, Dordt College will add JV Women's Basketball to its list of athletic opportunities.

Program Approval

Approval for the program came through several channels—Athletic Director Rick Vander Berg, Natural Sciences Dean Charles Adams, and Dordt's Administrative Cabinet. Several aspects of the program came under intense scrutiny during this process, including the issue of funding. According to Bouma, the JV program will not be an additional expense, but rather,

money for the program will come from a reallocation of existing funds.

Because of the timing of the final approval, any long-term benefits from having a JV program will be delayed. The first semester schedule next year will be fairly light, with few—if any—November games. December will be somewhat busier, but the bulk of the games will be played during the second semester.

Coach's Reaction

Bouma is understandably upbeat about the eminent JV start-up. "It's good for the college as well as the program," he says. "It gives more people the opportunity to play at the collegiate level and in a competitive setting."

It also gives the college an added draw for students looking for both a place to play ball and get "a quality Christian liberal arts education," says Bouma.

Quick Hits

Super Bowl Sunday: What did I miss?

Rachel Volkers
Assistant Sports Editor

Sunday has come and gone and so has a national holiday—Super Bowl XXXVIII. Most Americans turned on the tube to catch part of the game and for those that don't enjoy the sport—to catch the commercials.

Being an avid sports fan, can you believe I missed it? Yes, I'm serious, I missed one of the biggest sporting events in the world and it was even on network TV. So I need you to fill me in. What did I miss? Besides the no-score first quarter, which showed little to no yardage gains, besides the officials being good on one play and bad on the next. Besides penalties and crazy fans in the stands, besides coaches getting upset and end zone dances. Besides dropped passes and fumbles. Besides blood and injuries. Besides more beer commercials that I'll see in the upcoming weeks. What did I miss?

I guess I missed the half-time show, but I hear that wasn't the greatest either. There was even a press statement about the halftime show (From NFL.com, "We were extremely disappointed by elements of the MTV-produced Halftime show. They were totally inconsistent with assurances our office was given about the show. It's unlikely that MTV will produce another Super Bowl halftime."—NFL Executive Vice President Joe Browne).

So, I guess the only thing I missed was seeing a native South Dakotan, Adam Vinatieri (born and raised as I was) save the New England Patriots yet again. But I'm sure Vinatieri will save the Patriots again next season.

(By the way, I was traveling back from the great state of South Dakota during the Super Bowl.)

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